

IC 31-16-6.4

Chapter 6.4. Mediation

IC 31-16-6.4-1

Factors in determination

Sec. 1. Whenever the court issues an order under this article, other than an ex parte order, the court shall determine whether the proceeding should be referred to mediation. In making this determination, the court shall consider:

- (1) the ability of the parties to pay for the mediation services; and
- (2) whether mediation is appropriate in helping the parties resolve their disputes.

As added by P.L.199-1997, SEC.2.

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Docketing; extension; report

Sec. 2. When a case is ordered to mediation, the case shall be placed on the court docket for final hearing. The mediation process must be completed not later than sixty (60) days after the mediation order is entered. However, the sixty (60) day period may be extended by the court upon the court's own motion, upon agreement of the parties, or upon the recommendation of the mediator, but may not be extended beyond the date set for final hearing. Upon completion of the mediation process, the mediator shall promptly file the mediation report.

As added by P.L.199-1997, SEC.2.